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For: ADJUVANT VIRAL PARTICLE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following for filing at the United States
Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1) Response to Restriction and Election dated Sept. 12, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the restriction dated September 12, 2005.

ELECTION

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I which the Examiner has indicated is "drawn to a method of potentiating an immune response in a human comprising administering an antigen and an effective amount of an adjuvant comprising papaya mosaic virus (PMSV), or a PMSV virus-like particle. " Applicant further elects, with traverse, Species i relating to viral antigen. Applicants note that, at page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has abbreviated papaya mosaic virus to "PMSV" rather than "PapMV" as recited throughout the instant specification and claims. Applicants assume that this is a typographical error and have addressed the following remarks accordingly.

REMARKS

Claims 20-42 are currently pending and stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 into the following three groups as defined in the Office Action: